GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4207
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Prescribing of Allopathic Medicines
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether medical practitioners registered only with Medical Council of India, State Dental Councils and Medical Councils are authorised to prescribe allopathic medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Unani, Homoeopathy, Siddha doctors also prescribe allopathy

(c) whether there is a provision of stringent action against such doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Yes. Section 15 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 prohibits a person other than medical practitioner enrolled on a State Medical Register to practice allopathic medicine in the State. Further, as per the Dentists Act, 1948, a person recognized by law as a dentist may prescribe medicine.
(b): No. As per Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 under clause 1.1.3 "No person other than a doctor having qualification recognised by Medical Council of India and registered with Medical Council of India/State Medical Council(s) is allowed to practice Modern system of Medicine or Surgery. A person obtaining qualification in any other system of Medicine is not allowed to practice Modern system of Medicine in any form."
(c) & (d): Any person who acts in contravention to the provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 is liable to be punished with imprisonment and/or fine. 'Health' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to deal with such cases lies with the respective State Governments in order to take stringent action and corrective steps.
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